

Application No.: 09/658,977

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REMARKS REGARDING AMENDMENT

The foregoing amendments comprise merely formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof. The amendments change the dependency numbering of some of the latter claims to reflect the new claim numbers presented by the Examiner's Amendment mailed November 15, 2004.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for providing the Examiner's amendment. Applicant notes that it agreed to the cancellation of the claims 36-38 on the basis that the claims did not meet certain requirements of the Patent Office, and not because the claims were invalid in light of particular prior art.

If the Examiner does not believe that the foregoing amendments can be made at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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